SENATE BILL   No. 1814

Introduced by Senator Torlakson

February 24, 2006

An act to add Section 21081.8 to the Public Resources Code, relating to environmental quality, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1814, as introduced, Torlakson. CEQA: mitigation measures.

(1) The existing California Environmental Quality Act declares it to be the policy of the state that a public agency should not approve a project that may have a significant effect on the environment if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available that would substantially lessen the significant environmental effects of the project.

This bill would require the Secretary of the Resources Agency, on or before July 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, to report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies.

(2) This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ⅔. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1   SECTION 1.   Section 21081.8 is added to the Public
2   Resources Code, to read:
3   21081.8. On or before July 1, 2007, and on or before July 1 of
4   each year thereafter, the Secretary of the Resources Agency shall
5   report on the types and effectiveness of a representative sample

1 of mitigation measures adopted by state and local agencies. The
2 secretary may consider information from mitigation reporting
3 and monitoring programs adopted pursuant to Section 21081.6.
4 SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
5 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
6 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
7 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:
8 In order to protect the environment and public health at the
9 earliest possible time, it is necessary for this act to take effect
10 immediately.

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